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SUBJ: POSSIBLE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT WITH CEMA

REF: MOSCOW A-410 (NOTAL)

1. OFFICER OF WESTERN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW WHO HAS CLOSE CONTACTS WITH COUNCIL OF MUTUAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (CEMA) SECRETARIAT AND IS UNUSUALLY WELL INFORMED ON CEMA MATTERS ADVISED EMBOFF NOV 25 THAT A DRAFT MEXICAN-CEMA AGREEMENT IS NOW IN PROCESS OF PREPARATION. SOURCE BELIEVES THAT MEXICO WILL PROBABLY SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS, MAKING MEXICO FIRST COUNTRY IN WESTERN HEMISPHERE
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(WITH EXCEPTION OF CUBA) TO HAVE FORMAL AGREEMENT WITH CEMA

ORGANIZATIONS.

2. PRELIMINARY TALKS ON THE AGREEMENT TOOK PLACE DURING MEETING BETWEEN CEMA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FADEYEV AND MEXICAN DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE MENDOZA BERRUETO DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO MOSCOW IN OCTOBER. WESTERN EMBASSY OFFICER ALSO ALLEGED THAT MENDOZA BERRUETO HAD ASSURED FADEYEV THAT MEXICO WOULD BE PREPARED TO EXPORT OIL TO CUBA ONCE MEXICAN OIL RESERVES DEVELOPED.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF RELIABILITY OF SOURCE, EMBASSY RATES THIS REPORT AS PROBABLY CORRECT. TASS DESPATCH DATED MEXICO CITY NOV 24 QUOTE MENDOZA ON IMPORTANCE OF MEXICAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH CEMA COUNTRIES. AS WE HAVE NOTED IN EARLIER REPORTING, ESTABLISHMENT OF CEMA AGREEMENTS AND TIES WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF CEMA/SOVIET DRIVE TO BOOST ORGANIZATION'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE.
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